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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TARUMI, Minoru

Group Art Unit: **2856**

Serial No.: **10/506,607**

Examiner: **John P. FITZGERALD**

Filed: **September 10, 2004**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **8290**

For: **DEVICE FOR INSPECTING INSIDE OF UNDERGROUND PIPE LINE,
INSPECTION METHOD, AND METHOD FOR INSPECTING CONCRETE
DETERIORATION INSIDE UNDERGROUND PIPE LINE**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED January 10, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 2, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated **January 10, 2006**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species I (Figs. 2, 3(a), 3(b), 4, 5(a) and 5(b)). Claims 1 to 3, and 6 to 9 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1 to 3, and 6 to 9 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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